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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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**KIDSNET welcomes:** Children's Friend & Service Family Outreach Program

## Immunization Updates

The Immunization Program would like to remind you that 2009 Program Enrollments have been mailed and should be completed before June 30, 2008. Enrollment in these programs is an annual requirement in order to continue receiving Federal and State supplied vaccine for pediatric use in your practice. Failure to complete your enrollment for VFC, SSV, and KIDSNET programs by the required date will result in delaying any attempts by your practice to order vaccine after July 1st. If you have not received your enrollment package by now go to the Department of Health website [www.health.ri.gov/immunization/providers.php](http://www.health.ri.gov/immunization/providers.php) to download the information or you may contact Neil Young of the immunization Program at 401.222.4622 or [Neil.young@health.ri.gov](mailto:Neil.young@health.ri.gov).

## CDC Presents Rhode Island with Award for High Immunization Rates

On April 25, 2008, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts and Director of Health, David R. Gifford, MD, MPH accepted an award from CDC's Dr Melinda Wharton, MD, MPH, Deputy Director of CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). Dr Wharton visited RI during National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) to celebrate the successes of RI partnerships between public health, health care providers, schools and parents in maintaining some of the highest childhood immunization rates in the country for over a decade. The award was received during a press event at the Connecting for Children & Families Day Care Center in Woonsocket. In addition, Dr Wharton was the keynote speaker at the RI American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) annual Spring Training event, Rhode Island Hospital's Pediatric Grand Rounds, the 2008 Annual School Nurse Teacher conference and participated in the Newport Head Start's community baby shower. See RI's vaccination coverage rates at: [www.health.ri.gov/immunization/data.php](http://www.health.ri.gov/immunization/data.php).

## Hib Vaccine Supply Update

Reminder: Hib vaccine supply remains limited with only enough to cover the primary series given at 2, 4, 6 months of age for healthy children. The booster dose at 12-15 months should continue to be deferred in all healthy children until further notice.

### **Audiology results now in KIDSNET!**

Newborn hearing screening results have been available in KIDSNET for years. When an infant does not pass the newborn screen or has risk factors for late onset hearing loss, or an older child does not pass the school age hearing screen, a referral is made for diagnostic audiology testing. Audiologists can report diagnostic results to the Rhode Island Hearing Assessment program on paper or electronically through KIDSNET. All reported diagnostic results are now displayed in KIDSNET for authorized users who are coordinating care. In this way, KIDSNET is a tool to help assure that necessary diagnostic audiology follow-up has taken place. Check out the hearing page to see this new feature!

### **2008 Birth Defects Data Book**

The Rhode Island Birth Defects Program is pleased to announce the publication of the 2008 Birth Defects Data Book, which will be distributed to pediatric primary care providers and other KIDSNET participants. The Data Book provides information on the number and rates of birth defects among newborns in Rhode Island. Service assurance is also a cornerstone of the Birth Defects Program and service assessment strategies are described in the data book. We hope this information will raise awareness of the importance of medical homes for children with birth defects. For additional information, please contact Sam Viner-Brown by e-mail [samara.viner-brown@health.ri.gov](mailto:samara.viner-brown@health.ri.gov) or call 222-5935.

### **Immunization Report**

In April 2008, the following 14 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Bald Hill Pediatrics, Bayside Family Healthcare, Dr.s Concannon & Vitale, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Health Services Cranston, Fatima Health Center, Hillside Avenue Family Medicine, Mill River Pediatrics, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, St. Joseph Pediatric Clinic, Spectrum Family Health Care, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

### **Lead Screening Report**

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In April 2008, the following 19 pediatric practices used this report: **Bald Hill Pediatrics, Barrington Pediatrics, Chaffee Health Center, Central Health Center, Fallon & Horan Cranston, Dr. Kristen DiMarco, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Fatima Health Center, Family Health & Sports Medicine, Family Health Services Coventry, East Bay Family Health Care, East Bay Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, Lampal & Montgomery, Main Street Family Practice, Providence Pediatrics, Mineral Spring Family Practice, South County Family Medicine, University Family Medicine, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!